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before

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I BRING fraternal greetings from the Mother of Parliaments to the Congress of your “athletic democracy”. I pray that God’s blessing may rest upon your counsels.

As a Prime Ministerial policy advisor to Margaret Thatcher, *inter alia* I modeled the economic interactions of taxes and benefits on low-income households, and investigated scientific frauds. I have written and lectured on climate sensitivity. I advise institutions on climate change.

The right response to the non-problem of “global warming” is to have the courage to do nothing. There has been global cooling for seven years –

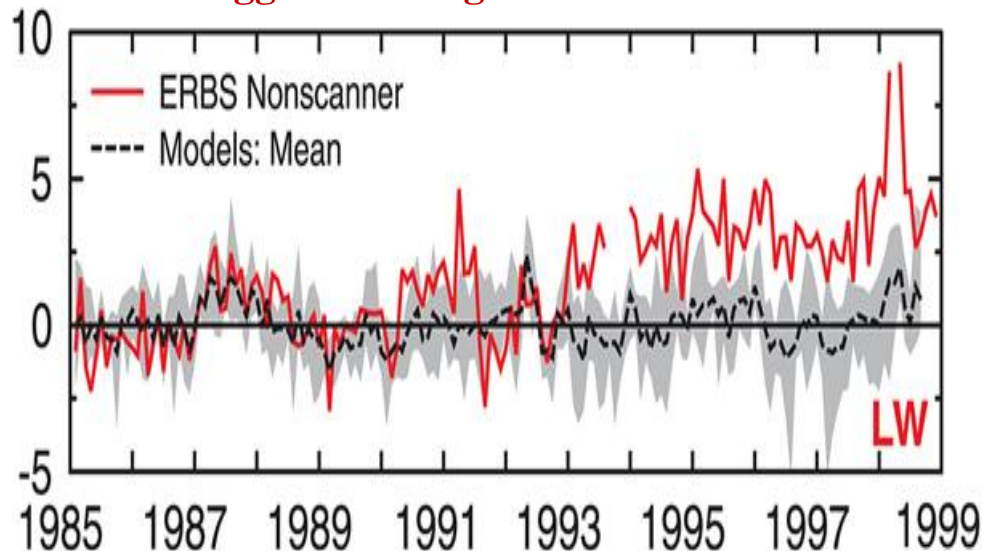
7 years’ global cooling at 3.5 F°/century



What “global warming”? The mean of the Hadley and NCDC monthly terrestrial global-temperature datasets and the RSS and UAH satellite lower-troposphere datasets shows a (largely-unreported) cooling for seven years at a rate equivalent to 3.5 F°/century. The pink region shows the UN’s projected range of warming rates: the pale pink region is 1 standard deviation either side of the UN’s central estimate of 7 F° warming to 2100.

The UN's climate panel has exaggerated carbon dioxide's effect on temperature sevenfold, verified by satellite observation that the diminution over time in outgoing long-wave radiation is one-seventh of that which the UN's computer games were told to predict –

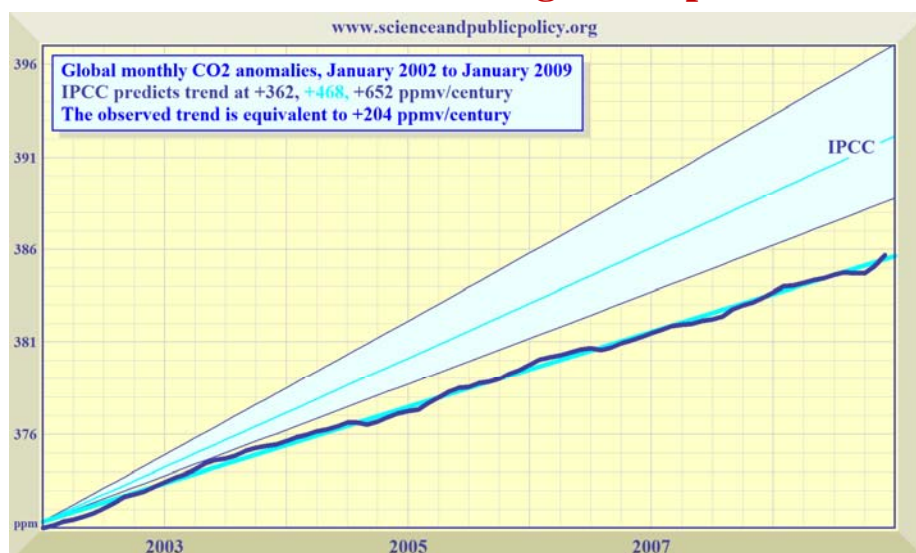
UN exaggerates the greenhouse effect 7-fold



Smoking gun: 14 years' *model-predicted* (black) and *ERBE satellite-observed* (red) change in outgoing long-wave radiation from the Earth's surface. Seven times as much long-wave radiation as the models predict continues to escape to space, demonstrating conclusively that the greenhouse effect has only one-seventh the effect on global temperature that the UN's models predict. **Source:** Professor Richard Lindzen.

Carbon dioxide is accumulating in the air at less than half the rate the UN had imagined –

CO₂ concentration is rising below prediction



Observed and predicted CO₂ concentration, 2000-2100: The *pale-blue* region, bounded by exponential curves, is the UN's predicted path for CO₂ concentration over the present century. The observed, deseasonalized CO₂ concentration change calculated by NOAA from January 2000 to November 2008 (*dark blue*) is near-coincident with the least-squares linear-regression trend (*solid, pale-blue line*) on the data. CO₂ concentration is no longer rising ever more rapidly, but only in a straight line, even though CO₂ emissions are rising ever more rapidly.

This century we may warm the world by half a Fahrenheit degree, if that.

If doing nothing is inexpedient, adaptation to warmer *or cooler* weather – when *and if* necessary – is many times more cost-effective than attempted mitigation –

Don't mitigate: adapt (if needed)



Adaptation to warmer weather is unnecessary unless the weather gets warmer.

For 14 years there has been no statistically-significant global warming.

Do not do or spend anything to mitigate or adapt to “global warming” until global temperature is 2 Fahrenheit warmer than in 2000.

We have been adapting to natural variations in climate throughout the history of humankind.

Adaptation is a practical, affordable natural response to natural climate change.

In the Middle Ages it was warmer worldwide than today. Then global cooling set in. Our ancestors adapted. The Vikings abandoned their settlements in Greenland. Their graveyard at Hvalsey is under permafrost. It was frost-free when they were buried.

In Europe we adapted too. We moved to the valleys as the glaciers advanced, burying mountain roads, silver-mines, and forests. Only now are they emerging again.

Adaptation is at present unnecessary.

Mitigation is always unnecessary. It is also disproportionately expensive.

In particular, the impoverishing, regressive poll-tax that is cap-'n'-trade has an ignominious past and no future. It has collapsed twice in Europe and once in New Zealand.

If the United States adopts cap-'n'-trade, she may do so alone.

Cap-'n'-trade will create “green jobs” by the thousand while destroying real jobs by the million at a cost of trillions.

“Green jobs” are the new euphemism for mass unemployment.

Cap-'n'-trade will perversely increase the global emissions it is intended to diminish.

You will transfer your jobs, industries, and wealth to India and China. Their emissions per unit of production are greater than your own.

Protectionist tariffs are the last resort of the economically-illiterate and the politically-desperate.

Tariffs always damage those who impose them.

Tariffs flout your nation's obligations to the World Trade Organization. They are *ultra vires*.

For proof of the economic damage caused by unilateral but futile attempts at influencing climate, see the galloping exodus from California.

Everyone with any get-up-and-go is getting up and going.

Unlike their robotic Governor, they won't be back.

Or see the food riots in a dozen of the world's poorest regions after the biofuel scam doubled world food prices in 18 months.

A third of your farmland no longer grows food for people who need it. It grows fuel for automobiles that don't.

For us, dearer food is inconvenient. For starving millions, it is death.

Biofuel-induced starvation: Haitians eat mud pies or die



In Haiti, the biofuel-driven doubling of world food prices has forced the poorest to eat mud pies made with real mud.

Canute could not command nature. Nor can you.



King Canute reminded his courtiers of the limitations of earthly power when the waves disobeyed his command not to wet the royal tootsies. You can no more command the forces of nature than Canute. For the sake of your taxpayers, and of the poor whom their taxes support and defend, don't try.